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NEWS ITEMS

H. H. York, A. M., fellow in botany in Columbia University during the past college year, has been appointed instructor in botany in the University of Texas.

Miss Winifred J. Robinson, instructor in biology in Vassar College, spent her summer vacation at the New York Botanical Garden, engaged chiefly in studies of Hawaiian ferns.

Dr. Ira D. Cardiff, who has been assistant in botany in Columbia University for the last two years, has accepted an appointment as professor of botany in the University of Utah at Salt Lake City.

Dr. and Mrs. N. L. Britton, Professor L. M. Underwood, and Miss Delia W. Marble sailed for Jamaica on August 25 for a month of botanical exploration among the mountains of the island. Professor Alexander W. Evans of Yale University went a week in advance, intending to coöperate with the party on its arrival.

Dr. Pehr Olsson-Seffer, director of La Zacualpa Botanical Station, Escuintla, Chiapas, Mexico, was in New York in the early part of September. He was planning to sail from San Francisco about September 14, to visit Hawaii, the Philippines, the Straits Settlements, and Java, in the interests of tropical agriculture, with special reference to the rubber and coffee industries.

Professor Douglas H. Campbell of Stanford University has returned to his duties after a sabbatical year of absence during which he has made a tour of the globe, visiting South Africa, Ceylon, Java, and other regions of peculiar botanical interest. During the present year, Professor William R. Dudley of the same university is on a leave of absence.

The *Journal of Botany* for September records the death of Mr. Charles Baron Clarke, which took place at Kew, England, on August 25, and of Professor H. Marshall Ward, which occurred at Torquay on August 26. Mr. Clarke was born in 1832 and was especially well known through his studies of the Cyperaceae. Marshall Ward was born in 1854. In 1895 he succeeded Babington in the professorship of botany at Cambridge, where he gained a distinguished reputation as a teacher. Papers on parasitic fungi and plant pathology and hand-books of grasses and of trees are among his best-known writings.